

# THE MIRROR JOURNAL

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## PRAIRIE FIRE NEAR THE TOWN

A number of our townspeople were called out on Tuesday to fight a prairie fire which was burning north of town. The fire started near the railroad, a spark from an engine igniting the grass along the track. The blaze was easily checked before any damage was done.

The fact that prairie fires are raging at this late season of the year is a striking demonstration of the extremely fine weather we have been enjoying for the past few months in this part of 'Sunny Alberta'. There is practically no snow anywhere and the mercury has been hovering around freezing point day in and day out. Old-timers say

that this winter is a repetition of eleven years ago, and predict a continuance of the same article for the balance of the winter. It is to be hoped that their forecast is correct.

## DUCK SHOOTING ON THE PROGRAM

Several of our local nimseds were out for a shoot this (Friday) afternoon, and were successful in bagging five fine mallards. Frank Alice and Melvin Olsen were the hunters, and the ducks were shot on Spotted Creek. This is rather a late date to be shooting this species of water fowl, but only goes to show that we have the finest climate in the world—bar none.

## C. P. R. TRAIN WRECK NEAR ALIX

A smash-up on the C. P. R. happened two miles west of Alix on Tuesday morning, Dec. 24th. The passenger train going west ran into the rear end of a freight, which was standing on the main line. None of the crew or passengers were injured.

F. Crandall, of Mirror, and G. Baerner, of Bashaw, were on the train at the time, and were somewhat delayed in reaching their destination.

Don't forget the dance on New Year's Eve.

## FOR SALE

We own Lot 12 in Block 12, Lot 3 in Block 18, and Lot 19 in Block 24 which we wish to dispose of at once. We will consider offers.

J. Rowan Company,  
MELVILLE, SASK.

## FOR FARM LANDS

Raw and Improved, or

MIRROR LOTS

SEE

T. R. McCORKELL

C. P. R. Land Agent

MIRROR

## HORSE SHOEING

ORSE SHEWING

OR

HOSS SHOON

Get your horses shod with Red Tip Nippers.

All sizes of Calks kept in stock.

J. F. Flewelling, Carroll Avenue South Mirror

## Farm Lands--House

One Section and a Half of Choice Farm Land; 200 acres under cultivation; 2½ miles from Buffalo Lake Siding. One of the best.

One Section and a Half, 7 miles from Mirror; 200 acres under cultivation. This is an A1 stock farm. Storey and a Half House, 8 rooms, pantry, 8 Closets, cellar, plastered and well built throughout; close to Depot. For terms of the above apply to—

Fred. Dowswell, Carroll Avenue, Mirror

## HAPPY NEW YEAR

## EVENTS AROUND TOWN AND DISTRICT

### Goos To Red Deer Hospital

Jas. Earl, who has been very sick for the past three months, expects to leave the latter part of this week for the hospital at Red Deer, where he will undergo treatment in the hopes of a complete recovery.

### Advertising Does The Trick

The stray-steer advertised in last week's issue of The Journal is the property of Jno. Herminan, of Mirror. The animal had been lost for over a year. This only goes to prove that advertising is the one and only way.

### Dance New Year's Eve

The dance billed for Tuesday evening next, in Cook's hall Mirror, promises to be the event of the season. Preparations are being made for a big crowd and everything points to the dance being an enjoyable one. Don't miss it for anything.

### Geo. Johnston Dead

Frank Tulloch received the sad news on Monday of this week of the sudden death of Geo. Johnston, an old-time friend, who resided near Erskine. Mr. Johnston was just leaving the house when he slipped, striking the back of his head, death resulting instantly.

### A Deserter From The Ranks

Arthur G. Suggett left town on Christmas morning for Ontario, where he will take unto himself a bride. The interesting event will take place some time in January, and at the same time Art. will join the ever-increasing ranks of the Benedicts.

### Advertising Means Business

Don't delude yourself with the idea that there is an element of luck in business—while you wait for luck to hit you a wallop, the other fellow with the hustle is getting the business. "Nothing succeeds like success." It is the busy man who gets the business. Keep moving, and if trade ever gets wobbly, put on extra speed, push a little harder.—ADVERTISE.

### Xmas Entertainment A Success

The Xmas Tree and entertainment held under the auspices of the Mirror Methodist church last Tuesday in Cook's hall, was a success. The hall was packed and Jim McCurdy, in the regulation Santa Claus costume, handed out the gifts. A program of songs, recitations and dialogues was given, and the affair was very much enjoyed by all who attended.

## MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS RECEIVING ATTENTION

For the second time the period has arrived when we are obliged to consider the choosing of village officials, in which every qualified elector has a responsibility, greater than many are willing to recognize. Affairs in our thriving village have run along fairly smooth, since incorporation, and judging from reports seekers after office will be falling over each other to secure municipal honors. In the majority of towns it is necessary to seek candidates and use more or less "moral suasion" to get them to accept nomination and office. The question as to why this is so, is not so very hard to answer. There are several reasons. Among the residents there are not a very large number who possess the necessary property qualifications to become members of the Council. Some of these positively refuse to accept office, still further limiting the number available. Those who have consented to act in such official capacity have not found the duties so arduous, but in many ways they have found them unpleasant. There is usually a certain ele-

ment in every municipality, who are very good at criticising the actions of others, but very slow to give practical suggestions or to co-operate in a logical way. None of our councillors receive any remuneration whatever for the time spent in the conduct of the village affairs, but if things do not swing to suit the electors generally they are sure to get not only criticism but often abuse. Such being the case, it is little wonder that it is difficult sometimes, to get a citizen to serve more than one year or one term, as the case may be.

Notwithstanding these difficulties, the choosing of our village officials for the first term of office was managed by acclamation, but even in this some have claimed that undue influence was exercised and that certain individuals were unduly favored. We do not think any such charge can be substantiated.

The councillors who have been ruling for the past six months, are H. J. Raymer, chairman, J. F. Flewelling and R. M. Herminan. Those three members will again be in

the field. Other names mentioned as being possible candidates for municipal honors are J. N. Mitchell, W. D. Cook, C. L. Suggett, Fred. Dowswell, R. T. McCorkell, J. R. Baker, G. A. Calvert, Hans Kiesel, J. H. Duitman and W. H. Stump.

Notices for the nomination of officers will be posted in a few days and citizens should awake to the importance of selecting the very best men available for this responsible position. If anyone has an idea that they can handle the public affairs better than they have been handled, his chance is good to demonstrate his ability. He should at least come to the front and make public his suggestions and help to elect men who will carry out his ideas, or "forever after hold his peace."

## BOARD OF TRADE

There was a good attendance of members at a special meeting of the Mirror Board of Trade on Thursday evening last. Treasurer Ruthven presented a financial statement for the year, showing a deficit of about \$36. The statement was adopted.

Robinson—Watson—That Messrs. Calvert, Ruthven and Good be a committee to canvass the town for members on behalf of the Board of Trade.—Carried.

Robinson—Calvert—That W. C. McCormack interview W. G. Merkley, chairman of the Lamerton School Board, in regard to moving the school house from Lamerton to Mirror.—Carried.

Calvert—McCormack—That the members of the Board tender a hearty vote of thanks to the retiring officers for their work during the past year.—Carried.

After an informal discussion the Board adjourned.

WE Thank You  
for Your  
Patronage and  
Wish You a Happy  
and Prosperous  
New Year.

Suggett Bros.  
Mirror, Alta.

CHAS. L. SUGGETT,  
F. C. P. S.,  
Druggist.  
ARTHUR G. SUGGETT  
Jeweller.

## Farm Lands and Town Property for Sale

Fire, Hail and Live Stock Insurance  
Quarter Section Adjoining Mirror Beach, \$17 per Acre  
C. P. R. Lands

MIRROR REALTY CO., Mirror, Alta.

We take this opportunity to thank our Customers for their trade and support during the past year. We wish you all

A Happy  
and  
Prosperous New Year

And we will endeavor during 1913 to even more fully deserve your patronage by being better prepared to supply your wants in the Hardware line.

DUITMAN & JOHNSON,

The Lake Street Hardware







## We Carry the Most Complete Stock of Lumber in Mirror

A look over what we have to offer will convince you of that. Our Prices are as low as any.  
No Delay. No Waiting.  
It costs you nothing to get our figures, and may do you some good.

**McCormack Lumber Co.**

## The Imperial Lumber Co., Ltd

Headquarters for all kinds of

## Building Material

Lumber, Laths, Doors, Shingles, Windows, Mouldings and Finishings. Cement, Lime, Wood Fibres, Etc., Building Papers, Roofing, Etc.

### Brick and Coal

Best Grades and Lowest Prices. Satisfaction Guaranteed

Agents for the Famous McLaughlin CARRIAGES and AUTOMOBILES

Yard Opposite  
Livery Barns,  
MIRROR

**J. N. MITCHELL,**  
Manager Mirror Branch.

## Lots in the Town of Mirror

BLOCK	LOTS	BLOCK	LOTS
11	14, 18	65	13, 17
18	40, 41	65	18, 22
49	29, 30, 33, 34	73	1, 2
50	1, 2	73	9, 10
50	9, 18, 10, 20	73	13, 14, 17
57	13, 25, 20	73	18
57	18	74	3, 4, 18
58	25, 26	74	14, 17, 21, 25, 20
59	19	81	1
59	20	81	19
66	17	81	20

W 1-2 33-40-22, 4, One Mile from Centre of Mirror

We have a Large Number of Other Good Bays.  
Call and Investigate.

**H. J. Goater**

Real Estate, Lamerton and Mirror.

## : JOB : PRINTING

Letter Heads  
Note Heads  
Statements  
Envelopes  
Business Cards  
Calling Cards  
Invitations  
Posters  
Hand Bills

**THE JOURNAL**

### The Mirror Journal

Published every Friday at Mirror Alberta.

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To all points in Canada, \$1.00 to the U. S., \$1.50 per Year.

#### Advertising Rates

Legal and Municipal Advertising, 12 cents per line for first insertion; 8 cents per line for subsequent insertions.

Lost, Strayed or Found Notices, 50 cents per line for first insertion. Three insertions for \$1.00.

Professional Advertisements, \$1.00 per month.

Reading Notices in Local columns, 10 cents per line for first insertion; 5 cents per line for subsequent insertions.

Display Advertising Rates given on application.

All Contract Advertising Accounts payable at the end of each month.

Good & Bellamy,  
Publishers.

MIRROR, ALTA., DEC. 27, 1912

### THE PASSING OF THE DRINK- ING CUP

Passengers on railway trains crossing the border between Canada and the United States must often have noticed the porter locking up the dirty, rusty drinking cups when Canada is left behind. The bringing to light once again of the same utensils when the Dominion is entered emphasizes what has been declared by medical men to be one of the most dangerous carriers of disease to-day. The United States government has just abolished the nuisance completely, forbidding railroad to carry common cups on their trains or to allow them in depots or waiting rooms. The railroad, undoubtedly affords one the most dangerous avenue for spreading disease, but they are not the only agencies of this character. It is a mark of improvement that in schools and other public buildings were many congregated, the old drinking cup is no longer tolerated its place being taken by the spouting stream that admits no possibility of spreading contagion.

The abolition of the dirty drinking cup need cause no inconvenience. A piece of paper, as has been pointed out, can be rolled into a cone and used with perfect ease for the purpose. More and more travellers are carrying their own cup, which, folded up, slips into a pocket. The practice will grow when the common cup goes and forces more care in this respect. It is safe to say that the average person would never again use a common cup after watching its use in an ordinary railroad car for half an hour.

### BIG INCREASE IN RAILROAD MILEAGE

A total of no less than 608 miles has been added to the length of the railroads actually constructed in Alberta during the ten months which ended on October 31, of the present year. From 1068 miles in 1905, the length of the lines of the various systems was increased to 2100 in 1911 and 2798 at the end of October 1912. The years which have passed since 1900 have shown an acceleration in the rate of railroad building in Alberta without precedent in the history of the Dominion or the North American continent. The Canadian Northern rail-

way Company built during the first ten months of 1912 a mileage greater than the total of all previous years. At the end of 1911, the C. N. R. had 329 miles of line in the province. On October 31, the length of main and branch lines totalled 792 miles, an increase of 463 miles for the year. The Grand Trunk Pacific in the same period has increased its mileage from 381 to 619 miles.

In the incontrovertible terms of construction figures the story is told of Alberta's evolution from the status of a thinly populated ranching country to agricultural importance and fame as the scene of the greatest drama of railway development the Dominion has known. The work which has been performed by the various lines affords an index to the prosperity of the province, while it drives forcibly home a realization of the part that has been played in the fostering of that prosperity by the government of Alberta.

### A WESTERN FAVORITE

The Family and Weekly Star, of Montreal, have announced their program for 1913 and subscribers are to receive greater value than ever before, and that is saying a whole lot. It interests everybody. The hint and information it gives are worth hundreds of dollars in a year. In addition to the paper for a whole year, each subscriber receives a most beautiful picture entitled, "Mother's Treasures." It is 28x29 inches, all ready for framing. The picture alone would sell at a two spot in any art store. Subscriptions are taken at this office. The JOURNAL and the Family Herald together, one year for \$1.75.

### ADVERTISING RATES

Beginning with the New Year all local readers and other items of an advertising nature, other than church service announcements, inserted in THE JOURNAL will be charged for at the rate of 10c. per line first insertion, and 5c. per line each subsequent insertion. Cash must accompany the order, otherwise the advertisement will not be inserted.

Lost, strayed and want advertisements are charged for as follows: 50c. for first insertion, 25c. for each subsequent insertion. Cash must accompany order in this case also.

### For Sale

Horses, Wagon, Harness  
1 Mare in foal, 6 yrs. old; 1 gelding, 6 1/2 years old; wagon; 1 set of work and 1 set buggy harness. Both horses broke to ride, work or drive single or double. A bargain. For further particulars apply to  
55-47  
THE JOURNAL.

## King George Restaurant

Opposite G. T. P. Station.

BOARD AND ROOMS

SHORT ORDERS

CIGARS, TOBACCO, FRUIT

BAKERY IN CONNECTION

**Mah Bing & Young Co.**  
Mirror.

We  
Take  
This  
Opportunity  
Of  
Wishing  
Our  
Many  
Customers

A  
Happy  
And  
Prosperous  
New  
Year.

Mirror  
Cash  
Store

Renew for  
**THE JOURNAL**  
**\$1.00**  
A Year

## Bon-Ton Livery and Feed Stables

Prompt Service. Rigs and  
Drivers supplied to any  
Part of the Country  
Draying Done on Short Notice.

F. Tulloch, Mirror.

## Grand View Hotel - Lamerton -

Wines, Liquors and Cigars

Sample  
Rooms

Special Rates for Board  
and Room

Rates—\$1.00 and \$1.50 per Day.

W. J. Kadlec, Prop.

## CAN WE HELP YOU ? ? ?

If you are planning to Build come  
in and let us help you figure it  
out. Even if you are not building  
at once, drop in anyway, we'll be  
glad to give you an estimate. All  
material kept on hand.

SETTLERS LUMBER CO.  
F. CRANDELL Local Manager

## GRAND TRUNK PACIFIC R'L'Y

OPERATING

### The Daily Express

A solid through vestibuled train over the Picturesque  
Prairie Route, serving  
EDMONTON SASKATOON WINNIPEG  
AND INTERMEDIATE POINTS

This train has the re-  
markable record of ar-  
riving on time in Winnipeg  
127 days out of 136, June  
18th to Nov. 1st.

Shortest time—quickest  
service—smoothest road  
bed.

All equipment abso-  
lutely new, embodying the  
highest standard of con-  
struction available.

Electric lighted sleep-  
ing cars, individual reading  
lamps in both upper and  
lower berths, luxuriously  
appointed throughout.

Electric lighted dining  
cars, cuisine and service  
noted as features of the  
Grand Trunk Pacific "Char-  
acter" service.

Standard first class day  
coaches of the latest de-  
sign.

The Company prides  
itself upon the courtesy  
and efficiency of its em-  
ployees. A Train Agent is  
always on hand to look  
after your comfort and  
supply information.

W. J. QUINLAN, District Passenger Agent,  
Phone Main 7088, 1500 Portage Avenue, Winnipeg  
W. P. HINTON, General Passenger Agent,  
On Depot, Winnipeg.  
GEO. HOLMES, Agent, Mirror, Alta.

### LIVE STOCK NOTES.

If from any cause a cow is  
very thin or weak she should re-  
ceive special strengthening food  
before milking. Wheat bran and  
flaxseed make the best com-  
bination to give a freshening  
cow.

The pure bred sire and a dam  
of the same type of an good  
blood is it possible to get will  
usually bring a desirable cow.

The better bred two early al-  
ways remains stunted in growth,  
and her milk flow is shortened  
for all time.

The man with five cows and a  
separator is better off than his  
neighbor with eight cows and no  
machine.

Don't let a bungler shoe your  
horses. Go to the intelligent  
shoe who knows how if you  
have to drive ten miles or more.

### A WORD FOR GUERNSEYS.

Dairy Breed That Has Proved Its Abil-  
ity as a Butter Producer.

Discussing the merits of the various  
breeds of dairy cattle, the Kansas  
Farmer says:

Perhaps the most numerous of the  
dairy breeds of cattle now in this  
state is the Jersey, although the Holstein is  
a close second. Other breeds are more  
or less rare. The Jersey has been  
called the city man's cow because of  
the fact that she gives very rich milk  
and a small quantity when compared  
with the Holstein. The Holstein is  
the farmer's cow because of the very  
large yield which furnishes a fair  
amount of butter fat and a large  
amount of milk for sales. She is also  
a desirable animal for supplying the  
milk route.

The Jersey is rather a small and  
dainty feeder, while the Holstein is a  
gross feeder, capable of accumulating  
large quantities of grain and forage.  
These are the two extremes among the  
more popular of the dairy breeds of  
cattle, and a desire has been felt on  
the part of many farmers and dairy-  
men for an animal which will produce  
the rich milk of the Jersey with the  
large quantity of the Holstein. Such  
an animal has not been found, but it is  
approached in the Guernsey.

The Guernsey had its origin in the  
island of that name in the British  
channel. Together with the Jersey,  
both breeds were formerly called Alder-  
ley, and it was not until about  
1875 that the Guernsey was recognized  
as a distinct breed in this country.  
Even now they are sometimes called  
the Jersey, both the Jersey and the  
Guernsey had their origin in the  
Normandy cattle brought from France  
to the island of Jersey. The Jersey and  
breeding are practically both the same  
far as origin and methods are con-  
cerned. Each breed being confined to  
an island and all other breeds re-  
li-

Guernsey cattle are noted for the  
rich color of the milk produced. An  
estimate of the breed says that the  
Guernsey cow does not stand for  
beauty, but for profit. What breed-  
ers are most concerned in is to con-  
serve and to improve that valuable  
quality possessed by the Guernsey  
of producing milk that is not  
only rich, but which shows a rich  
creamy color from which the highest  
quality of butter can be  
secured.

gloosly excluded from that island. It  
has been possible, through many gen-  
erations, to develop the present perfect  
and most powerfully propensit animal  
in the development of the Guernsey.  
However, more of the original charac-  
teristics of the parent stock have been  
reserved. This accounts for the dif-  
ference which now exists between  
them and the Jerseys. The Guernsey  
color is a light yellow and orange or  
buff, with considerable white. Dark  
colors approaching brown are some-  
times seen on some and more frequent  
ly on the bulls. Jerseys are most gen-  
erally solid color, ranging from light  
yellow to almost black.

Guernseys are somewhat larger than  
Jerseys, and they are larger in Amer-  
ica than they are in their island home.  
Prior since 1850, when Guernseys were  
first imported to this country in num-  
bers, there has been a marked effort  
to increase their size. The same thing  
is true of Jerseys, and the general run  
of both breeds. If American bred, is  
larger than those at home. One of the  
distinguishing features of the Guern-  
sey is the large amount of yellow oil  
or fat deposited in the skin.  
This is most noticeable where the hair  
is white around the ears, eye and  
udder. This is thought to be a good  
indicator of capacity to produce but-  
ter fat and is one of the points exam-  
ined by buyers of this breed of cattle.  
It is certain that the Guernsey are  
economic feeders and excellent butter  
producers and that the better as well  
as the cream has a rich yellow color.  
The milk shows from 5 to 10 per cent  
of butter fat, though Guernseys are  
known where the percentage is much  
higher. This fact, together with the  
large yield of milk, especially adapts  
the Guernsey to the requirements of a  
high class trade.

### A Collector of Snuffboxes.

The only extensive personal hoard of  
Frederick the Great. It is said, that  
his hobby for collecting snuffboxes, of  
which he left as many as 150, approx-  
imately valued at \$1,500,000. Lord  
Malmesbury said that one could hardly  
approach the king without snuffing.  
Two thousand pounds weight of snuff  
must have always to be kept in  
store, but snuffing, on the other hand,  
was an abomination to Frederick.

### England's Deer Parks.

There are over 350 deer parks main-  
tained in England.

### India's Burning Tree.

In India there grows a "burning  
tree," the leaves and stems of which  
are covered with stinging hairs. A  
touch of the India "burning tree"  
gives the same sensation as contact  
with red-hot iron, and the pain lasts  
several days.

### Petroleum

Petroleum was first used by the  
Egyptians.

### First Steam Fire Engine.

The first steam fire engine was made  
in 1829 in London from the designs of  
"Captain John" Stephenson, the designer  
of the Monitor. The fire engine was  
a failure.

### Ragamuffin.

"Ragamuffin" says Dr. Johnson, "is  
from 'rag' and I know not what else."  
According to Dr. Brewer, the word  
means a "ragged," "naughty" or "ruffian."  
It signifies fellows but the original  
Ragamuffin seems to have been a de-  
mon in certain old mystery plays,  
whose name was probably just high-  
sounding nonsense. It is curious, how-  
ever, that "the ragamuffin" is an old name  
for the devil.

### Korean Etiquette

When a Korean meets his wife on  
the street he must by custom square  
her prostrate and pass her by as if she  
were a stranger.

### Holland's Caraway Seed.

Caraway seed is a staple crop in Hol-  
land. The number of acres devoted  
to this fragrant seed is 20,000. The  
seed of inland caraway is about one-  
fourth and a half the size. Most of the  
seeds are worked up into oil by distil-  
lation.

### Agua's Voice.

The revered negro voice was La-  
rentia Agard's. This lady, who died  
in 1765, could easily strike C in atten-  
tion.

### Chinese Pirates.

As long ago as the thirteenth cen-  
tury the island of Hongkong was a  
piratical stronghold, and for centuries  
the Chinese government was unable to  
drive the sea robbers out. All effort  
passing what is now Hongkong harbor  
were compelled to pay tribute. The  
lightest cargoes of the island served  
as lookout stations, and no boat that  
approached was permitted to leave un-  
til it had paid toll.

### Three Names.

"All power" to the menial of the  
game Alfred, while Arthur means a  
strong man. Samuel means "heard by  
God."

### A Natural Soap Bath.

Timor, a village in one of the East  
Indian islands, has a spring from  
which issues an water heavily charg-  
ed with sodium and alkali. It has the  
appearance of a miniature volcano. It  
forms a natural soap bath, but the  
worst feature is that vegetation for  
miles around is ruined.

### Tree Life.

The tree lives about 200 years, the  
elm 300 to 500 years, the Hudson 500  
to 1,000 years, the best tree and the oak  
500 years, the fir 700 to 1,200 years and  
oak trees 3,000 to 5,000 years.

The Burglar's Jimmy.  
Why does the burglar call the tool  
with which he opens windows and  
doors a "Jimmy"? No one seems to be  
sure. Perhaps it is merely a pet  
name. The French burglar calls his  
Jimmy "Père Jacques," which is first  
couple to "Jimmy."

Dates on Cakes.  
James V. of Scotland was the first  
to put dates in his cakes.

### The 6 O'Clock Club.

London once had a six o'clock club,  
which consisted of six members only,  
who met at 6 o'clock in the evening  
and separated at 6 o'clock in the morn-  
ing. Dr. Hrooks and the celebrated  
Greek scholar, Poros were members  
of this club.

## Mirror Planing Mill AND CABINET SHOP

Store Fronts BOATS Agent for  
and Any style and size built to  
Fittings order. Get your order in  
early before the rush. Pitner Light-  
ing System  
LOCAL AGENT for the Ontario Wind, Engine & Pump  
Co.—Pumps, Pump Jacks, Windmills, Feed Grinders,  
and the Famous Slicker Engine, a hopper cooled  
cylinder, which is especially adapted to this cold  
climate. Call and get our prices before buying.  
J. N. Mitchell, Prop., Carroll Ave., So., Mirror

## Farm Machinery At Cost Price. Farmers!

Now is your opportunity to buy Farm Machinery at  
Cost Price. I have a number of  
Plows, Harrows, Seeders, Discs and Wagons  
which will be sold at rock-bottom prices. This is one  
chance in a thousand to secure your implements at so  
low a price. Take advantage of it while it lasts. We  
are Agents for the

M. Rumley Co.'s Threshing Outfits  
which includes the Galt-Scott and American Abell Co's,  
and the Toronto Advant Separator Co.

MIRROR LIVELY AND FEED STABLES  
W. D. COOK, Prop. and Agent

## MIRROR

Property at Original Grand  
Trunk Pacific Railway Prices

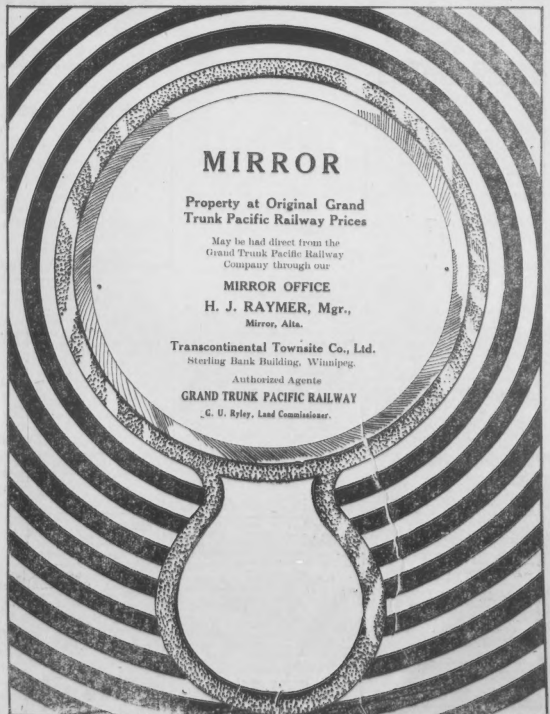
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Grand Trunk Pacific Railway  
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Authorized Agents  
GRAND TRUNK PACIFIC RAILWAY  
G. V. Ryle, Land Commissioner.







## A Gift of Flowers

That Were Thrown Out of a Window

By F. A. MITCHELL

Being invited to spend the week end with my friend Mary Morrison at her cottage by the sea, I was about starting from the house when I received a telegram, as follows:

"You will meet me at the station. Bring her suit."

I had heard Mary speak of Miss Archibald, who resided in the most opulent home of the city. I had never seen her, but I had been told that she was a very attractive girl. But now I was to receive her. I had not been told that she would carry her handkerchief in her left hand or that she would wear a sprig of geranium in her hair. Doubtless she had spoken of Miss Archibald to the so-called friends that she had met.

I went to the station expecting to find a young lady on the footpath, some one she did not know and to order to prepare for a little attention brought from her. I was not prepared to find her. I had no sooner entered the platform than I saw a young man in a light suit walking back and forth, looking at every man who passed. He was sure she was in the crowd. I met, so I walked up to her, lifted my hat and she was about to ask me for my name when I saw that she was giving me a meaningful look and said in a quick low voice:

"Get a word from the man on the train." I confessed I was surprised. What could be the necessity for such mysterious directions? I was about to ask her on a short journey? However, it was she who was making the enquiry, and I told her that I was not on the train. She said she did not and conducted her to a car. When we were seated I politely inquired her name. The day was hot, and a window was open. I was to go to a side track.

Never in my life have I been more astonished at the reception of a gift. Her expression on my face was so deep I felt the least and the least intended to explain. But the explanation only added to my confusion.

"We are married," she said; "the violets will give us away."

"Give us away?"

"Mary knows that you were to carry violets, and she may have let it out."

"Mary knows!" she mentioned nothing by which—

"Nonsense! The man opposite is listening."

Of all the reactions I ever had from woman this certainly was the most remarkable. Every time she was about to blurt out a word she made me feel that I had a letter that would not be received. In that letter she developed something which I had expected to find. The telegram was supplementary.

"I suppose you know where you are to take me?" I asked my companion in a low voice.

"I do," I replied, retreating within myself and determined to do nothing but proceed without giving away the fact that the only instructions I had received were to take my friend Mary Morrison to the station.

"Will Arthur meet us at the station or somewhere else?"

"This was a point I had questioned that I proposed to Mary. I have not been instructed as to that. Doubtless he will be advised when we arrive."

"Doubtless," I remarked to myself, "this one with which I satisfy the lady. I wonder if I'll get on as well with the rest of the question as she does."

"I don't dare continue this any longer," she said suddenly after looking through the car suspiciously "I will take another seat."

I also did as she said. I would do. I did not mind the mysterious action up to this point, but I was not prepared to follow her. I was not prepared to follow her. I was not prepared to follow her.

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## Humor and Philosophy

By BUGHAN P. SMITH

IT'S ALL RIGHT, BUT—

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## THE CLOCK OF DEATH.

It Was the First Astronomical Timepiece Made in England.

The clock at Hampton Court palace derived its reputation first by reason of a superstition that whoever saw one long resident in the palace would die immediately after. It is of record that when Anne of Denmark, the queen of James I., the first of the Stuart line, saw the clock, she was so struck with the place was striking four and that it stopped almost at the last stroke and she died within the hour. It has been repeated this story for centuries, and it is said that the clock was made by a man who was a royal prisoner while in the Tower of London.

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## THE VANISHING SEA COW.

A Marine Curiously That Is Rapidly Nearing Extinction.

One of the largest fish that has inhabited the coast of the United States is the sea cow, and the south Atlantic coast of the United States is the most numerous. It is found in great numbers a century ago, and even a few years back this creature was plentiful in certain parts of the coast.

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## ASKED FOR A CRITICISM.

The Lecturer Got a Reply and a Big Surprise as Well.

Mr. Allen P. Allen, the American lecturer who was on the higher school of electrical science, delivered a lecture on the subject of "The Future of the Electric Light." He was so struck with the place was striking four and that it stopped almost at the last stroke and she died within the hour. It has been repeated this story for centuries, and it is said that the clock was made by a man who was a royal prisoner while in the Tower of London.

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## COURTSHIP IN SPAIN.

A Difficult Business in Which Speaking Takes Part.

In Spain, as in all countries, a young man cannot enter a woman's heart without her consent, and indeed all conversation is carried on between the two. It is a very difficult business in which speaking takes part. It is a very difficult business in which speaking takes part. It is a very difficult business in which speaking takes part.

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## HISTORIC SWORDS

A Pair That Did Duty at the Battle of Bunker Hill.

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Manager**

### Personal Paragraphs

Miss Graham, formerly teacher at Ripley school, is spending the Xmas holidays with her brother in Saskatoon. Miss Graham will teach in the Alix school on her return.

Col. Hogg, of Delburne, was a transient visitor in town on Monday.

H. F. Tilley, travelling passenger agent for the Grand Trunk Pacific railway, was in Mirror on business Monday evening.

Hugh Stevenson was a visitor in Stettler last week, returning on Saturday.

Miss Olive Wilson, who for the past month or so, has been employed with Thomas & Son, has gone to Stettler to reside.

G. Roemer, of Bashaw, was a Monday visitor in town.

F. S. Trickey, C.P.R. agent at Coronation, Alta., was in Mirror on Tuesday.

Miss A. Higgins, of Edmonton, spent Christmas with N. H. G. and Mrs. Ruthven.

Mrs. E. E. Johnson spent the Christmas holidays with her parents at Edberg, Alta.

Fredmont Crandell, manager of the Settler's Lumber Co's yard here, spent Christmas in Calgary.

H. J. Raymer left Tuesday morning for Winnipeg, where he will spend a week or two.

Wm Dennis, of Calgary, Alta., was a visitor in town today (Friday).

Geo. F. Stevenson, brother of the Stevenson boys, is a visitor from Craubrook, B. C., for a few days.

J. A. Johnson from south of Castor, spent a few hours with Oscar Hopkins on Friday. They both came from Funk, Nebr.

### VILLAGE COUNCIL

A special meeting of Mirror Council was held on Monday evening, Dec. 23, in Chairman Raymer's office; Councillors Flewelling and Herniman also present.

Accounts amounting to \$516.05 were presented and ordered to be paid.

After some jocular remarks as to who might constitute the Board for 1913, the Council laid down their robes of office and vacated their chairs. The Council has pulled well together during the past term and have accomplished a great deal of work.

### ELECTION OF M. W. A. OFFICERS

At a meeting of the Lamerton camp of the Modern Woodmen of America, No. 14,101, held in Lamerton last Saturday evening, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

V. C.—Philip Nels;  
W. A.—Geo. Thomas;  
E. B.—C. B. Brewster;  
Clerk—Geo. Peterson;  
Escort—M. Buelow;  
Watchman—V. F. Nels;  
Sentry—Wm. Kophart;  
Physician—Dr. Shore;  
Manager—J. Peterson.

Other business in connection with the lodge was transacted, and it was decided to transfer the camp and place of meeting from Lamerton to Mirror. As the Alix camp has been abandoned,

the members will join with the Mirror camp, and an effort will be made to greatly increase the membership of the lodge.

### A WARNING

She did not smoke, she did not drink  
Beer, porter, ale or rum,  
But, Oh! she had one previous fault  
That lovely girl chewed gum.  
Her mouth was busy all the time  
And never did she come  
To church or any public place  
Without her chewing gum  
The force of habit's strong as death  
And when her time shall come  
The epitaph we expect to see  
"She died of chewing gum."

We understand the above verse has been used to good advantage in the reforming of several cases of over-worked molars. Vancouver papers please copy.



Don't fail to attend the dance on New Year's Eve, in Cook's hall, Mirror.



### Mirror Pool Hall

—AND—  
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